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# AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO ISSUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28, RONAN, MONT., A PATENT IN FEE TO CERTAIN INDIAN LAND

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Mr. ECTON, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 3847]

The Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3847) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue to school district No. 28, Ronan, Mont., a patent in fee to certain Indian land, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent and approval of the Flathead Indian Tribal Council, to issue a patent in fee to school district No. 28 at Ronan, Mont., for 5 acres of tribal reserve land.

The Flathead Tribal Council has already approved the donation of the 5-acre tract to the school district. The land is no longer useful to the Indians, and is now needed for school purposes.

Further information is contained in the favorable report of the Department of the Interior to the chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands, which report is hereinbelow set forth in full and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
*Washington, D. C., October 4, 1951.*

Hon. JOHN R. MURDOCK,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,*
*House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. MURDOCK: Reference is made to your request for a report on H. R. 3847, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue to school district No. 28, Ronan, Mont., a patent in fee to certain Indian land.

I recommend that the bill be enacted.

The bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent and approval of the Tribal Council of the Flathead Indians, to issue a

patent in fee to school district No. 28 at Ronan, Mont., for tribal agency reserve land described as the S½NW¼SW¼SE¼ sec. 36, T. 21 N., R. 20 W., principal meridian, Montana, containing 5 acres. The land is a part of the subagency reserve at Ronan, Mont., and is one of the reserves established for administrative purposes pursuant to the act of April 23, 1904 (33 Stat. 302), as amended by the act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 1080). The schedule of administrative reserves was approved by the President on July 18, 1908. The land is no longer needed for administrative purposes but is needed for school purposes.

The Tribal Council of the Flathead Indians in its minutes of April 3, 1951, approved the proposal to donate the 5-acre tract to the school district.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

DALE E. DOTY,
*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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